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Applicant: LAURENT, Pierre L.	Examiner: BAIRD, Edward J.
Application No. 10/810,060	Group No. 3695
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Title: FREIGHT FULFILLMENT AND TRADING PLATFORM	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit that each of the independent claim 1 is novel, nonobvious, and patentable over the cited arts, alone or in combination. The cited arts mentioned by Examiner include at least Nafeh et al. (US 2002/0069155), Hunt et al. (US 5,724,524), Metcalfe et al. (US 2002/0138290), Nadan (US 2005/0021346), Bjerre (US 2002/0178023), Bjerre et al. (US 2005/0091089), Bjerre et al. (US 2005/0091091), Bjerre et al. (US 2005/0091090), Cirolì et al. (US 2002/0082970), Clarke et al. (US 2003/0014288), Demetriades et al. (US 2004/0010578), Feldman et al. (US 2006/0218075), Kawahara et al. (US 2002/0138293), Wied et al. (US 2005/0209913), Khai Hee Kwan (US 6,990,467), Williams et al. (US 2002/0032573), Kintis (WO 0118671), Nadan et al. (WO 0215083), Vergottis ("An Econometric model of the world shipping markets," The City University, London, United Kingdom, 1988, 448 pages; AAT DX88207), Scheer (US 2002/0138358), Talluri (US 6,263,315), Lancaster (US 2002/0133456), Haigh ("Hedging Foreign Currency, Freight, and Commodity Futures Portfolios—A note", The Journal of Futures Markets, Hoboken: Dec 2002, Vol. 22, Iss. 12; pg. 1205), Wilson ("Air freight: Poised for expansion," Transportation & Distribution, Cleveland, Aug. 1997, Vol. 38, Iss. 8; pg. 43, 5 pgs.), Foster ("Air freight weathers the storm," Logistics Management and Distribution Report, Radnor, May 1999, Vol. 38, Iss. 5, pg. 55), Schuricht et al. (US 5,040,132), Bains et al. (US 6,625,584), and Lerner (US 2002/0120555).

Furthermore, the dependent claims 2-17 that depend from the independent claim 1 are also novel, nonobvious, and patentable not only due to their recitation of independently patentable features but also due to their dependence from the allowed independent claim 1.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for a thorough examination and the allowance of claims 1-18.

If any petition is required to facilitate the entry of this communication, please consider this communication a petition therefore as well. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2284 (Order No. FFRT-P001).

Respectfully submitted,

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